

Oh! what do you think the death of our President. I guess there is a great many in this neighborhood glad of it. H. H. Brown said he could pray for Ande Johnson but he could not pray for Lincoln. I hope Johnson will be harder on them than Lincoln. I shall ^{have} to quit writing before I disgrace myself writing so much to nothing that will interest you. For I am considerate of a harrow & a very bad per. When James comes if he does come he will write you a letter Answer this as soon as you get it - so I will stay until I get an answer. Give my love to all my friends. I send only compliments to Dan Smith would like for him to write. Tell him to write to father if he thinks it worth while while you're ^{home} ^{here}. ^{Mr.} Garland from your affectionate Cousin

Distance may spread between us friend
But our hearts unchanged will be
And our Tongues will be the faithful bond
Bread and beyond the sea.

Give me
your advice
an ^{good} ^{bad}
old-little
of your place
I have not
had time
to send
you any.
Lovingly
Yours
G. W. C.
May 2nd 1868.

My dear cousin do not

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Indifference to you. For it is
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about James a coming back.
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three weeks & but I have not
seen him yet. I look for him ^{coming} this
week. Don't know as he will though

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thing interesting I will try to write to you. But I fear I can't her. Mary Smith girls worst don't
interest you. God I am considerably think she will last long. And
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to give you a verbal relation of the contents of this letter. In regard Bill. Think that a much better place
to the pretty girls of this neighborhood they are scared as butterflies. you would be home soon & This
Wilson Mo goes with Sally Smediker now would be over. think so too as Harriet Combs went to Canada &
married Dan Spots. They are back & living on Crosleys place. Dan was a man I would want it to last
working for one dollar per day. three or four years. God the army is Oliver Butler goes to see Mollie like to get in a battle once in a
Smediker think they will get married before long. Mollie Butler plays a long hand & gets no body.
She has got the big head so bad & so unlasting proud & nothing to be proud of. That's what hurts
a waiting on her your folks are all well. Hale & Mary Jane lives in the old house on the road. If
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Livingston Ills

May 2nd 1865

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Jennie

[This is written vertically on the top of the first page]

Give me
your address
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next letter
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